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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Nobuya, SATO, et al.

PATENT SERIAL NO: 09/555,371

GAU: 1771

FILED: May 30, 2000

EXAMINER: PRATT, C

FOR: KITCHEN SHEET

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, and Advisory Action dated December 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please cancel Claims 4, 5 and 15 without prejudice and amend Claims 1 and 11 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A kitchen sheet comprising a base sheet made of a fiber aggregate having an air permeability of 5 cc/cm²/sec or more as measured in accordance with JIS L1096A, said base sheet having a plurality of convex portions giving said kitchen sheet an apparent thickness of 1.0 mm or greater, and a compressive recovery of 30% or more, wherein the apparent thickness is between three to twenty times of a thickness of the base
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